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AQUA-CADETS pose prettily as prelude to weekend water spectacular, sponsored annually by Torrance Recreation Department. Girls are (from left) Marie Pfefferkorn, Claudia Shipway and Anita Bakove. They'll be "ponies" in synchronized swimming act.

School Trustees Approve Tax Cut

\$13.7 Million Budget Passed

TORRANCE — A tax cut of more than 16 cents per \$100 assessed valuation — the first tax reduction since 1956 by the Board of Education — was approved Monday with adoption of the 1962-63 fiscal budget.

Total tax rate approved by trustees was \$4.0188 per \$100 assessed valuation as compared to \$4.1819 for the current operating year. The rate is estimated to support a \$13,740,223 budget in the coming year.

Discussed and approved at the public hearing were expenditures in the general fund, building fund, state school fund, cafeteria account and child care fund. Bond interest and redemption funds also were approved.

GREAT NEWS

"The rate reduction is great news to taxpayers," board member Bert Lynn said. The cut, according to board member William Boswell, is due primarily to a bond raise.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent for finance said the cut was possible because of investments and the district's elimination from the federal loan program.

The district made approximately \$100,000 from investments during the year, Waldrip said. And because of its elimination from the federal program, the district now may set its own schedule for selling bonds and can do so when it is most profitable to taxpayers.

LAST CUT

According to Dr. Bernard Garen, assistant superintendent,

the last tax cut occurred in 1956 when the board approved a \$2,5351 rate per \$100 assessed valuation as compared to the 1955-56 rate of \$2,5659.

In other board action, preliminary plans for physical education facilities at West High School were approved, with an estimated cost of \$886,000.

Board members also approved final plans for development of athletic facilities at Torrance High School. Estimated cost is \$148,102.

In a quarterly vandalism report issued by Waldrip, board members were told a total loss of \$974.30 occurred at 12 schools during the period ended June 30. Of the total, \$770 was due to theft and \$204 was from physical damage.

Callbox System Okay'd

TORRANCE — Emergency call boxes providing motorists with immediate police assistance will be installed on the Harbor Freeway as early as mid-September, county supervisors promised yesterday.

The announcement followed approval of a \$91,000 contract for 80 radio-controlled boxes on four Los Angeles area freeways.

Mounted at quarter mile intervals, the boxes will enable police to summon 14 different specialized services for the distressed motorist.

The system has no external wiring of any kind, since power is provided by silicon solar cells converting sunlight into electricity.

"Five minutes of sunlight recharges the energy used in one emergency call," said Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who first suggested installation of the devices in 1953.

FINAL OKAY

Final approval for the program came Monday when the Federal Communications Commission (Continued on Page A2)

Fall Class Signups Set

General registration for fall semester classes at El Camino College will begin Aug. 23, Leo M. Christian, assistant director of student personnel, announced today.

Conducted in the student activity building, registration will continue through Aug. 30. Prior to enrollment, students must obtain reservation cards and test reservations in the registration office.

Students failing to register on or before Aug. 30 will have one final opportunity to enroll for fall semester classes. On Sept. 11, sign-ups will be taken in the student activities building from 1 to 3 and from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Any necessary placement tests must be completed three days prior to registration.

Classes will begin Sept. 11. College officials recommend the earliest possible enrollment to ensure best selection of classes.

DISTRICTING PLAN GAINS NEW FAVOR

TORRANCE — A drive to divide this city into eight councilmanic districts gained impetus this week with announcement that more than 3200 persons have signed referendum petitions.

Mrs. Eva Bisou, chairman of a committee hoping to place the matter on the November ballot, said recent counts indicate her group has surpassed the 50 per cent mark of a total 6500 petition signatures necessary.

"We are extremely optimistic," Mrs. Bisou said, and we are hopeful our campaign will get a big shot in the arm this weekend."

Freeway Link Opening Slated

TORRANCE — Ceremony dedicating this city's portion of the San Diego Freeway will be held Aug. 17, signaling near completion of the 4.4 mile, \$11 million project.

Dignitaries representing nearly every level of government will be on hand for the ceremony, which precedes public opening of the expressway by only two weeks.

Actual opening is expected Sept. 1. The new section runs from 164th Street to the Harbor Freeway interchange, where it connects with an existing link to the Long Beach Freeway.

Completion of portions between 164th Street and Jefferson Boulevard in the Culver City area is scheduled in approximately a year, and the \$20 million link carrying traffic from Sunset Boulevard northward will be opened to public use this winter. (Continued on Page A2)



TOPNOTCH ENTRY in model plane contests Sunday at South High School will be George Weeks, member of South Bay "Piston Poppers." Weeks and other entrants will compete for awards in three categories, including stunt flying, racing and combat. Public has been invited. (Press Photo)

'Piston Poppers' Slate Contests

TORRANCE — South Bay "Piston Poppers" get their annual competitive workout Sunday during model airplane contests at South High School.

Homebuilt planes from every era will be represented in the competition scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be no charge for public admission.

Contests will be conducted in three categories, including aerobatics or stunt flying, rat racing or speed competition, and combat flying.

Club members are South Bay residents interested in building and flying model airplanes.

In the stunt flying category, club members Richard Williams and Edward Southwick will demonstrate flying skills which will take them to the Soviet Union Aug. 26 for international competition.

Contestants in the rat racing division will compete four at a time from a 180-foot circle. Planes must fly 144 laps, making two or three pit stops. Competitors will include three persons who placed second and third at a recent contest in Bakersfield.

Combat flying contests offer action-packed competition, with two planes flying as fast as possible. Each plane has an eight-foot paper tail, and each contestant attempts to cut the opponent plane's tail.

Persons wishing to enter competition may do so by paying a \$1.50 entry fee per event. Membership in the American Model Association is required, but persons may join at the time of the event by paying a \$3 or \$4 application fee depending on age.

Car Safety Run Set for Torrance

TORRANCE — Car clubs from 16 Southern California cities will meet here next June for the 10th annual Youth Safety Run, police officer A.L. Jackson has announced.

Jackson, police department adviser for the competition, said an estimated 40 clubs will participate under sanction of the Police Advisory Council for Car Clubs. It will be the first time Torrance has served as host city.

Torrance contestants placed second and third in this year's competition. Officer Ted Bradley of the California Highway Patrol serves with Jackson as co-adviser.

Crash Helmets Win Approval Of Councilmen

TORRANCE — Authorization for 131 police crash helmets was granted last night by city councilmen, along with a \$2690 allocation for their purchase.

In other council action, a 30-day continuance was granted in the proposed city vacation of 182nd Street and resolutions revising speed limits on two major streets were approved.

Councilmen authorized establishment of a 40-mile-an-hour zone on Sepulveda Boulevard and of a 45-mile-an-hour zone on Hawthorne Boulevard from 227th Street to Pacific Coast Highway.

Air Museum Meeting Topic

TORRANCE — Continued discussion of a projected Air Museum will highlight Thursday's meeting of the Airport Commission.

Commissioners meet in City Hall council chambers.



DAILY ROUTINE for 89-year-old Marcellus Joslyn includes visit to busy real estate investment office. Joslyn, "retired" from the business he founded, has donated \$75,000 to City of

Torrance for construction of a senior citizens' recreation building at Civic Center. He lives in Bel Air. (Photo Courtesy Santa Monica Eve, Outlook)

He's 'Retired,' Says Millionaire, But Still Going Strong at 89

By DON KIRKLAND
Staff Writer

TORRANCE — Marcellus L. Joslyn observes his 90th birthday next February, but there won't be any elaborate celebration.

There are too many "important things" to attend to. A spunky sportsman who made his millions in one of the nation's biggest business ventures, Joslyn shocked Torrance councilmen early this year with the casual announcement he planned to build a \$75,000 senior citizens facility in the Torrance Civic Center — for free.

His project, Joslyn said, would be built near the teenage center now under construction. It would be known

simply as the Joslyn Recreation Center or by another similar name mutually agreeable.

Councilmen happily gave consent for the project to begin — and another of Joslyn's lifetime dreams was on its way to reality.

Organizer of Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Co., largest utility supply firm in the United States, Joslyn first gained philanthropic recognition by donating an adult recreation center in Santa Monica six years ago. The Marcellus L. Joslyn Foundation, established 1½ years ago to administer Joslyn's funds, has since financed construction of other adult center and a

park in the same city. It has established scholarship funds at Pomona College and Harvard Law School, from where Joslyn was graduated.

It has financed the Sheltered Workshop in Santa Monica and now will give Torrance oldsters a spot to relax in idle hours.

Although "retired" from participation in the firm he founded, Joslyn has maintained a vigorous daily schedule. He is part of a real estate investment firm and dabbles in a variety of other projects.

When the Santa Monica Evening Outlook published a story on Joslyn's "philanthropic" interests, Joslyn

himself was quick to reply. "I heartily dislike the word 'philanthropist,'" he told Managing Editor Ron Funk, "as it seems to me to describe one who is trying to atone for past misdeeds in the accumulation of his wealth, or simply the result of senility."

"Neither of these characteristics applies to me." Although Joslyn's multiple accomplishments someday may fade quietly into the annals of history, his name — etched on the Joslyn Recreation Center — will linger long in the minds of untold Torrance men and women who find some moment of gladness from his generosity.